TO: JAMES L. APP, CITY MANAGER

FROM: BOB LATA, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: PROPERTIES FAILING TO COMPLY WITH SEISMIC SAFETY ORDINANCE

- DATE: SEPTEMBER 6, 2005
- Needs: For the City Council to consider an order to vacate those buildings not in compliance with Seismic Strengthening requirements of Section A 115, Chapter 17.18 Municipal Code for the City of Paso Robles.
- Facts:1.The Seismic Code Update Ordinance Chapter 17.18, became
effective August 6, 2004. The ordinance requires retrofit or
demolition of unreinforced masonry structures within a two and
one-half (2.5) year period, specifically February 6, 2007.
 - 2. As a step toward meeting the retrofit requirements, Section A115.1.2 requires the owner of a building within the scope of this chapter to obtain one of the following within 12 months:
 - A building permit to construct the seismic retrofit; or
 - A letter from the Building Official stating that he concurs with a structural analysis, demonstrating the building meets minimum requirements of this chapter and does not require seismic retrofit: or
 - A permit for the demolition of the building.
 - 3. Section A115.6, Enforcement, states:
 - 1. "If the owner in charge or control of the subject building fails to comply with any order issued by the Building Official pursuant to this Chapter within the time limits set forth in Section A115.1, the Building Official shall verify that the recorded owner of this building has been properly served".

- B. "If the order has been served on the record owner, then the Building Official may order that the entire building, or any portion thereof, be vacated until such order has been complied with".
- 4. On August 6, 2004 a Notice and Order was served on all recorded owners by First Class and Certified mailing, directing the owners to comply with Chapter 17.18.
- 5. As of this date nineteen (19) buildings (see "Property Status List") have not secured permits for either retrofit or demolition per the following breakdown. Two (2) structures are City property. One is located at the City Water Yard on Paso Robles Street and is proposed for demolition. The second is the Carnegie Library. Construction drawings for the Carnegie will be complete by November 30, 2005. The remaining seventeen (17) are under private ownership. Of those; One(1) has not submitted for permits; Twelve (12) are in plan check for retrofit; Four (4) are in plan check for demolition.

ANALYSIS & CONCLUSION:

As required by Section A115.3, building owners were notified of the order to obtain permits to either retrofit, demolish or provide analysis demonstrating the building does not need seismic retrofit. The notices were sent in a timely manner (August 6, 2004) to provide sufficient time to obtain those permits or releases required. To date, eighteen (18) buildings have not secured permits to either retrofit or demolish.

The purpose of code deadlines was to insure public safety through timely retrofit of unreinforced masonry structures. The code calls for the property owner to take one of three specified actions twelve (12) months after code adoption to insure reasonable progress and enough time to complete the retrofit process.

Allowing continued occupancy of an unreinforced masonry structure beyond the August 8, 2005 prolongs public exposure to the hazards of an unreinforced structure.

Additional notices informing the property owners of the deadlines for permit submittals and permit issuance were also sent January 3, March 15, May 3, May 31, and June 27, 2005. Starting with the May 3, 2005 notice, all property tenants were mailed copies of the notices. See "Notice to Owners".

	In conclusion, City Council may direct staff to send notices for immediate vacation of those buildings which have not secured permits, or direct staff to send notices, at a future date selected by Council, for vacation of those buildings which have not secured permits, or direct staff to send reminder notices for retrofit or demolition to be completed not later than February 6, 2007.
FISCAL IMPACT:	
	Direct costs are minimal. Revenue impacts (due to losses of sales tax) are expected to be approximately four thousand plus (\$4,000.00 +) per month, based on sales taxes for the last four quarters as provided by Administrative Services.
OPTIONS:	
	For City Council to confirm notice to vacate, per Section A115.6, those buildings without permits for retrofit or demolition, by directing the Building Official:
	1. To send a "Notice to Immediately Vacate", to those owners of buildings where required permits have not yet been secured.
	2. To send a "Notice to Vacate", to those owners of buildings where required permits have not yet been secured, by a future date specified by Council.
	3. To send a reminder notice to those owners of buildings that required permits have not been secured, and that building retrofit or demolition must be completed not later than February 6, 2007, or the City will order the buildings vacated.
	4. Amend, modify or reject the above options.
CC Iris Yang	
Attachments:	City of Paso Robles Municipal Code Chapter 17.18 Property Status List Notice to Owners

PROPERTY STATUS LIST

Listed below is the current status of all nineteen (19) properties requiring permits for Seismic Strengthening or Demolition. Two properties are City owned.

OWNER:	SITE ADDRESS	STATUS
City of Paso Robles	1240 Paso Robles St.	Vacant
City of Paso Robles	800 12 th Street	Vacant
G. Raaugh Trust	841 21 st St.	No application
Cali Clark	1031 Pine St.	In plan check
Kenneth Harris Trust	1316 Pine St.	In plan check
Martha Silva Trust	1320 Pine St.	In plan check
Hunter Family Trust	729 Spring St.	In plan check
Thompson/Hanson	1305 Spring St.	In plan check
Eugene Keem	1405 Spring St.	In plan check
Ignacio Torez	1420 Spring St.	In plan check
Swanson Family	1421/1427 Spring St.	In plan check
Kelly Gearheart	1518 Spring St.	In plan check
Martin/Hobbs	839 12 th St.	In plan check

Lana Atkinson	614 13 th St.	In plan check
William Jacobson	840 13 th St.	In plan check
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Francis Lagacono	608 13 th St.	Demo plan check
Tina Tringh	1446 Spring St.	Demo plan check
Chong Byon	2816 Spring St.	Demo plan check
Joseph Ontiveros	608 12 th St.	Demo plan check

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Chapter 17.18

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE, APPENDIX A, CHAPTER A1

Sections:

International Existing Building
Code.
Scope.
Definitions.
Administrative provisions.

17.18.010 International Existing Building Code.

The 2003 Edition and subsequent editions of the International Existing Building Code, Appendix A, Chapter Al entitled Seismic Strengthening Provisions for Unreinforced Masonry Bearing Wall Buildings, with the amendments set forth in this Chapter, is adopted. (Ord. 878 N.S. Exh. A (part), 2004)

17.18.020 Scope.

Chapter section A102 entitled "Scope" is amended to read as follows:

Section A102 Scope

A102.1 General. The provisions of this chapter shall apply to all existing buildings having at least one unreinforced masonry bearing wall. The elements regulated by this chapter shall be determined in accordance with Table Al -A. Except as provided herein, all other provisions of the California Building Code shall apply.

A102.2 Essential and hazardous facilities. The provisions of this chapter are not intended to apply to the strengthening of buildings or structures in Occupancy Categories 1 and 2 of Table 16-K of the 1997 California Building Code when located in Seismic Zones 2B, 3 and 4, or in Seismic Use Groups II and III, where Seismic Design Categories C, D, E, and F as defined in the 2003 the 2003 International Building Code are required. Such buildings or structures shall be strengthened to meet the requirements of the California Building Code for new buildings of the same occupancy category.

A102.3 Exceptions. The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to detached one-or twofamily dwellings and detached apartment houses containing less than five dwelling units and used solely for residential purposes.

(Ord. 878 N.S. Exh. A (part), 2004)

17.18.030 Definitions.

Chapter section A103 entitled "Definitions" is amended to include the following additional definitions:

1. "Qualified Historical Building" means any structure included on the National Register of Historic Buildings or the state list of Significant Historic Buildings.

2. "Qualified Zones" means that zone or geographic area referenced under the State [California] Building Code establishing the potential earthquake hazard of a given area.

3. "Seismic Retrofit" means all work necessary to comply with the requirements of this chapter.

The above definitions shall be in addition to those contained in the California Building Code and the International Existing Building Code Section A103. (Ord. 878 N.S. Exh. A (part), 2004)

17.18.040 Administrative provisions.

New chapter section A115 entitled "Administrative Provisions" is added to read as follows:

Section A115 Administrative provisions

A115.1 Compliance requirements.

A115.1.1 Structural analysis. The owner of each building within the scope of this chapter ' shall, upon service of an order and within the time limits set forth in this chapter, cause a structural analysis to be made of the building by an engineer or architect licensed by the state to practice as such and, if the building does not comply with earthquake standards specified in this chapter, the owner shall cause it to be structurally altered to conform to such standards or shall cause the building to be demolished.

A115.1.2 Twelve-month compliance requirements. Within twelve (12) months of the date of service of the order, the owner of a building within the scope of this chapter shall obtain one of the following from the Building Official:

1. A building permit to construct the seismic retrofit improvements identified in a structural analysis and plans for structural alteration of the building to comply with this chapter; or

2. A letter from the Building Official stating that he or she concurs with a structural analysis, which demonstrates that the building meets the minimum requirements of this chapter and therefore does not require seismic retrofitting; or

3. A permit for the demolition of the building. Issuance of a permit for demolition of a building shall be subject to compliance with the provisions of Chapter 17. 16 (Demolition of Buildings and Structures) of the Municipal Code.

In order to meet the deadline set forth above, owners of buildings within the scope of this chapter must submit structural analyses, plans for structural alteration of the building, and/or applications to demolish their buildings at least 105 calendar days prior to the deadline to allow for the Building Official to review the analyses, plans, and/or applications to demolish and to find them to be in compliance with this chapter. A115.1.3 Thirty-month compliance requirements. Within thirty (30) months of the date of service of the order, the owner of a building within the scope of this chapter shall complete construction of structural alterations or complete demolition of the building, as applicable.

A115.2 Historical buildings. Alterations or repairs to qualified historical buildings shall comply with the State Historical Building Code (Title 24, Building Standards, Part 8), in addition to this chapter.

A115.3 Order.

A115.3.1 Service. The building official shall issue an order as provided in this section to the owner of each building within the scope of this chapter. The order shall be in writing and shall be served either personally or by certified or registered mail upon the owner as shown on the last equalized assessment roll, and upon the person, if any, in apparent charge or control of the building. The order shall specify that the building has been determined by the Building Official to be within the scope of this chapter and, therefore, is required to meet the minimum seismic standards of this chapter. The order shall be accompanied by a copy of Section A115.1, which sets forth time limits for compliance.

A115.4 Recordation.

1. At the time that the Building Official serves the order as provided in Subsection A115.3.1, the Building Official shall also file with the San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder's Office a certificate stating that the subject building is within the scope of this chapter and is a potentially earthquake hazard-ous building. The certificate shall also state that the owner thereof has been ordered to structurally analyze the building and to struc-

turally alter or demolish it where compliance with this chapter has not been demonstrated.

2. If the building is either 1) demolished, 2) found not to be within the scope of this chapter or 3) is structurally capable of resisting minimum seismic forces required by this chapter as a result of structural alterations or an analysis, the Building Official shall file with the San Luis Obispo County Clerk-Recorder's Office a form terminating the status of the subject building as being classified within the scope of this chapter.

A115.5 Appeal. Appeals or requests for modifications from any determinations, actions, or orders by the Building Official pursuant to this chapter shall be made to the City Council. Such appeal shall be filed with the City Council within sixty (60) days of the rendering of the decision being appealed. Such appeal shall be made in writing on appropriate forms provided therefore by the Building Official and the grounds thereof shall be stated clearly and concisely.

A115.6 Enforcement.

1. If the owner in charge or control of the subject building fails to comply with any order issued by the Building Official pursuant to this Chapter within the time limits set forth in Section A115.1, the Building Official shall verify that the recorded owner of this building has been properly served.

B. If the order has been served on the record owner, then the Building Official may order that the entire building, or any portion thereof, be vacated and that the building, or any portion thereof, remain vacated until such order has been complied with.

C. If compliance with such order has not been accomplished within ninety (90) days af-

ter the date the building has been ordered vacated or such additional time as may have been granted, the building is hereby declared a public nuisance, The Building Official shall order abatement of the building.

D. Any person who violates any provision of this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to the penalty as provided for in Section 1.02.010 of the Municipal Code.

E. Appeals or requests for modifications from any determinations, actions, or orders by the Building Official pursuant to this Subsection shall be handled in the manner set forth in Section A115.5.

A115.7 Full strengthening required prior to time frames set forth in section A115.1. The Building Official shall require full compliance with the minimum seismic standards contained within this chapter before the time frames set forth in Section A115.1 upon the occurrence of any one of the following conditions:

1. Any change or conversion of an unreinforced masonry structure from its existing use to that of a more intensive use;

2. The remodel of a structure covered by this chapter, in an amount equaling fifty percent of the structure's value as determined using the latest edition of the Building Standards Valuation, published by the International Conference of Building Officials; and/or

3. The Building Official may, upon receipt of a written request from the owner, order such owner to bring his building into compliance with this chapter prior to the normal service date for such building.

A115.8 Certificate of compliance.

17.18.040

1. In accordance with Chapter 3, Section 70(d)(3) of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the Building Division shall, upon the completion of a seismic retrofit, file a certificate of compliance with the County Assessor's Office on or before the following April 15th.

2. The certificate of compliance shall establish that the work associated with the seismic retrofit was the result of a local ordinance related to seismic safety, and therefore shall not add value to the assessment role.

A115.9 Requirements for structural alteration plans - structural engineering.

The following construction information shall be included in the structural alteration plans submitted to the Building Official pursuant to Section A115.1 of this chapter:

1. Dimensioned floor and roof plans showing existing walls and the size and spacing of floor and roof framing member and sheathing materials. The plans shall indicate all existing and new crosswalls and their materials of construction. The location of the crosswalls and their openings shall be fully dimensioned or drawn to scale on the plans;

2. Dimensioned wall elevations showing openings, thicknesses, heights, the type of veneer, its thickness and its bonding and/or ties to the structural wall masonry;

3. The extent and type of existing wall anchorage to floors and roof when used in the design;

4. The extent and type of parapet corrections which were previously performed, if any; and

5. Repair details, if any, of cracked or damaged unreinforced masonry walls.

A115.10 Material requirements.

A115.10.1 General. All materials permitted by this chapter, including their appropriate allowable design values substantiated by testing, may be utilized to meet the requirements of this chapter.

A115.10.2 Existing materials. All existing materials utilized as part of the required vertical load-carrying or lateral force-resisting system shall be tested or shall be repaired or removed and replaced with new materials.

A115.11 Upgrade design—requirements for expanded or continued use of a structure.

1. Except as modified herein, the analysis and design relating to the alteration of, or addition to, an existing building shall be in accordance with the California Building Code.

2. Contractors providing structural upgrades shall be licensed by the State of California in the trade(s) being performed to accomplish the upgrade.

3. Design documents and specifications pertaining to structural upgrades shall be prepared by an architect, structural engineer or civil engineer specializing in structural work, licensed by the State of California to practice as such.

4. Design documents and specifications shall comply with this chapter.

A115.12 Special requirements for qualified historical buildings.

A115.12.1 Purpose and Intent of this Section A115.11. The purpose and intent of this Section A115.11 shall be to minimize the effects of seismic strengthening on the exterior appearance of qualified historical buildings. A115.12.2 Review by Development Review Committee. Plans for seismic upgrading of qualified historical buildings shall be reviewed by the Development Review Committee The basis of review shall be the design guidelines established by this chapter and the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitation of Historic Properties, with the following special requirements:

1. Features of architectural or historical significance shall be retained and reattached, braced or stabilized, as required by applicable codes and/or the Building Official.

2. In-wall anchors shall be used on qualified historical buildings instead of throughwall anchors, especially on the principal facade.

3. Through-wall anchors on other facades may be permitted, provided that their locations and treatment are approved by the Development Review Committee.

4. Closure of historic openings on the principal facade shall not be permitted and shall be discouraged on secondary facades. If closure of such openings on secondary facades is unavoidable, the materials used shall be compatible with the existing exterior materials of the secondary facade wall.

5. Historic parapets shall be braced rather than removed.

6. Historic architectural veneer posing a safety hazard shall be stabilized and reanchored to the building.

A115.12.3 Building Exterior.

1. In order to minimize the effect on the exterior appearance of a qualified historical

building, plans showing proposed shear-test locations shall be submitted for review and approval by the Community Development Director or his or her designee, prior to any testing of the structure taking place.

2. Repairs after testing shall match the original adjacent existing building facade materials.

A115.13 Buildings with brick veneers, cornice work and/or parapets.

A115.13.1 Buildings constructed prior to 1972. The owner of each building constructed prior to 1972 with a brick veneer shall, upon service of an order and within the time limits set forth in this chapter, cause an analysis to be made of the veneer by an engineer or architect licensed by the state to practice as such and have such veneer examined to determine if it is anchored to the building structure in a manner consistent with the anchorage requirements contained in this chapter.

1. The owners of buildings within the scope of this Subsection shall be served written orders in the manner set forth in Sections A115.3 informing them of the requirements of this Subsection.

2. Within twelve (12) months of the date of service of the order, the owner of a building within the scope of this Subsection shall obtain from the Building Official a building permit to construct the seismic retrofit improvements identified in a structural analysis and plans for structural alteration of the brick veneer to comply with this Subsection.

3. Within thirty (30) months of the date of service of the order, the owner of a building within the scope of this Subsection shall complete anchoring of the brick veneer to meet the anchoring requirements of this chapter.

In order to meet the deadline set forth above, owners of buildings within the scope of this Subsection must submit structural analyses and plans for structural alteration of the building, and/or applications to demolish their buildings at least 105 calendar days prior to the deadline to allow for the Building Official to review the analyses, plans, and/or applications to demolish and to find them to be in compliance with this Chapter.

A115.13.2 Buildings from which brick veneers, cornice work, and/or parapets were removed as a result of the December 22, 2003 earthquake. Each owner of a building from which brick veneers, cornice work and/or parapets were removed as a result of the December 22, 2003 earthquake shall replace said veneers, cornices, and/or parapets.

1. The owners of buildings within the scope of this Subsection shall be served written orders in the manner set forth in Sections A115.3 informing them of the requirement to replace said veneers, cornices, and/or parapets. Said order shall inform building owners that veneers, cornice work and/or parapets shall be replaced with materials providing the same architectural/historical features originally removed.

2. Within twelve (12) months of the date of service of the order, the owner of a building within the scope of this Subsection shall obtain from the Building Official a building permit to construct the seismic retrofit improvements identified in a structural analysis and plans for structural alteration of the brick veneer, cornice, and/or parapet to comply with this Subsection. 3. Within thirty (30) months of the date of service of the order, the owner of a building within the scope of this Subsection shall complete all replacement work.

In order to meet the deadline set forth above, owners of buildings within the scope of this Subsection must submit structural analyses and plans for structural alteration of the building and/or applications to demolish their buildings at least 105 calendar days prior to the deadline to allow for the Building Official to review the analyses, plans, and/or applications to demolish and to find them to be in compliance with this Chapter.

A115.13.3 Appeals. Appeals of orders specified in this Section A115.12 shall be handled in the manner set forth in Section A115.5.

A115.14 Report to City Council. Within thirty (30) days of the deadlines established in Sections A115.1 and A115.12, the Building Official shall make a written report to the City Council explaining the status of compliance for each building served notice as set forth in Section A115.3.

(Ord. 878 N.S. Exh. A (part), 2004)

Notice to Owners of Unreinforced Masonry Structures Subject to City of Paso Robles Municipal Code Chapter 17.18

Date: August 6, 2004

Owner:

Property Address:

Dear Property Owner:

Please consider this letter as notification that the building referenced above has been classified as an Unreinforced Masonry Structure.

The Seismic Safety Ordinance amended July 6, 2004 and codified under Chapter 17.18 of the City of Paso Robles Municipal Code (copy included), requires that minimum standards for structural seismic resistance be incorporated into unreinforced masonry structures

The ordinance provided the following time line for retrofit of unreinforced masonry structures:

Date	Event	Time Elapsed
June 15, 2004	1 st Reading of Seismic Code Update Ordinance	
July 6, 2004	2 nd Reading and adoption of ordinance	
August 6, 2004 (Friday)	Effective date of ordinance; date of service of order (to URM building owners to retrofit their buildings	Day 0
May 2, 2005 (Monday)	Deadline to submit structural analyses and construction plans for retrofit improvements	105 days prior to 1 year deadline
August 8, 2005 (Monday)	Deadline for issuance of a building permit to construct retrofit improvements	1 year
January 8, 2007 (Monday)	Deadline to complete retrofit work	30 months

Compliance Calendar for Ordinance 878 N.S. (Seismic Safety)

Please note that in accordance with State requirements, the city must file with the County Recorder, a notice that your building is an unreinforced masonry structure. When you have taken steps to reinforce your building in accordance with Chapter 17.18 of the City's Municipal Code, a Certificate of Compliance will be filed with the County Recorder.

Should you have questions pertaining to this Notice of Action, or Chapter 17.18 of the Municipal Code, please contact the City of Paso Robles Building Division?

Sincerely,

Doug Monn Building Official

c: Building file for property Notice to Owners of Unreinforced Masonry Structures Subject to City of Paso Robles Municipal Code Chapter 17.18

January 3, 2005

Owner:

Property Address:

Dear Property Owner:

The Seismic Safety Ordinance for the City of Paso Robles, amended July 6, 2004, established May 2, 2005 (118days from January 3rd) as the specific date for submittal of structural analyses and construction plans for the retrofit of unreinforced masonry buildings within the City of Paso Robles. Please consider this letter as your reminder of the due date.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the City Building Division at (805) 237-3850.

Date	Event
June 15, 2004	1st Reading of Seismic Code Update Ordinance
July 6, 2004	2nd Reading and adoption of ordinance
August 6, 2004 (Friday)	Effective date of ordinance; date of service of order (to URM building owners to retrofit their buildings
May 2, 2005 (Monday)	Deadline to submit structural analyses and construction plans for retrofit improvements
August 8, 2005 (Monday)	Deadline for issuance of a building permit to construct retrofit improvements
February 6, 2007 (Monday)	Deadline to complete retrofit work

Compliance Calendar for Ordinance 878 N.S. (Seismic Safety)

Sincerely,

Doug Monn Building Official

c: Building file for property Notice to Owners of Unreinforced Masonry Structures Subject to City of Paso Robles Municipal Code Chapter 17.18

March 15, 2005

Owner:

Property Address:

Dear Property Owner:

The Seismic Safety Ordinance for the City of Paso Robles, amended July 6, 2004, established May 2, 2005 (48 days from March 15th) as the specific date for submittal of structural analyses and construction plans for the retrofit of unreinforced masonry buildings within the City of Paso Robles. Please consider this letter as your reminder of the due date.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the City Building Division at (805) 237-3850.

Date	Event
June 15, 2004	1 st Reading of Seismic Code Update Ordinance
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May 2, 2005 (Monday)	Deadline to submit structural analyses and construction plans for retrofit improvements
August 8, 2005 (Monday)	Deadline for issuance of a building permit to construct retrofit improvements
February 6, 2007	Deadline to complete retrofit work
(Monday)	

Compliance Calendar for Ordinance 878 N.S. (Seismic Safety)

Sincerely,

Steve Perkins Deputy Building Official

c: Building file for property

CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES

"The Pass of the Oaks"



Notice to Owners of Unreinforced Masonry Structures Subject to City of Paso Robles Municipal Code Chapter 17.18

May 3, 2005

Owner:

Property Address:

Dear (Property Owner):

On March 15, 2005 the City sent you a letter reminding you that May 2, 2005, is the deadline for either submitting a plan for the Seismic Retrofit of Unreinforced Masonry Buildings, or a request for a permit to demolish the building. The letter also contained a Compliance Calendar with the noted above date.

As of May 2, 2005, the City has not received plan submittal for your property as required by Chapter 17.18, Section A115, City of Paso Robles Municipal Code (see attached). This is a final reminder notice regarding the specific requirements for permit issuance not later than August 8, 2005.

As provided for in Chapter 17.18, Section A115.6 (B), if an owner fails to comply with the above, the "Building Official may order that the entire building, or any portion thereof, be vacated and that the building, or any portion thereof, remain vacated until such order has been complied with".

It is in the best interest of all for the City to receive plans for either seismic retrofit compliance or demolition compliance in a timely manner. If plans are not received, and permits not issued within the specified times, the City will be required to take the enforcement measures provided in Chapter 17.18 of the Municipal Code.

If you have any questions please call me at (805) 237-3850

Steve Perkins Deputy Building Official

CITY OF EL PASO DE ROBLES



"The Pass of the Oaks"

Notice to Owners of Unreinforced Masonry Structures Subject to City of Paso Robles Municipal Code Chapter 17.18

June 27, 2005

Property Address:

Dear

On May 3, and again on May 31, 2005, the City sent you letters bringing to your attention that you failed to submit plans by May 2, 2005 for either Seismic Retrofit of Unreinforced Masonry Buildings, or a request for a permit to demolish the building.

As of June 27, 2005, the City still has not received plan submittal for your property as required by Chapter 17.18, Section A115, City of Paso Robles Municipal Code (see attached). This is a reminder notice regarding the specific requirements for permit issuance not later than August 8, 2005.

As provided for in Chapter 17.18, Section A115.6 (B), if an owner fails to comply with the above, the "Building Official may order that the entire building, or any portion thereof, be vacated and that the building, or any portion thereof, remain vacated until such order has been complied with".

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Steve Perkins Deputy Building Official